



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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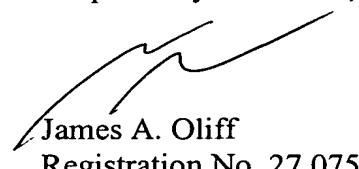
In reply to the October 24, 2007 Election of Species Requirement, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants provisionally elects the Species of Figures 3, 4A-4C and 9A-9C, with claims 1, 2, 5-10 and 14-21 reading on the elected species and claims 1 and 16 generic to all species, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid

unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Petition for Extension of Time

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